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## Union Pacific is developing new \$90 million rail port in Bexar County

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**Union Pacific Corp.** will invest more than \$90 million to develop a 300-acre rail port in Southwest Bexar County, railroad officials said Thursday.

The new terminal will be able to ship and receive containers and trailers with consumer goods for distribution as well as automotive parts for the new **Toyota Motor Corp.** (NYSE: TM) plant that is opening in San Antonio.

Omaha, Neb.-based Union Pacific (NYSE: UNP) expects to begin construction of the new facility in 2007 with a completion date of 2008. The company acquired the property between Old Pearsall Road, Interstate 35, Loop 410 and Loop 1604.

Union Pacific officials say the rail port will serve as a catalyst for economic development and job growth in the area.

"Union Pacific is pleased to make a significant investment in Bexar County as we expect intermodal volumes to experience significant growth in the area," says John Kaiser, vice president and general manager of Union Pacific's intermodal business.

Union Pacific has been experiencing substantial growth over the last several years, and the company expects that trend to continue as consumer goods, electronics, toys and clothes are being shipped from Asia to the United States through intermodal services.

"This is a major investment in Bexar County," Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff says. "The terminal will further solidify the county's position as an international hub for trade and commerce."

Union Pacific's terminal will have the capacity of processing more than 100,000 trailers and containers per year. This could reduce truck traffic on San Antonio city streets by more than 80,000 trucks per year. It will also reduce the number of trucks that travel along I-10 between Houston and San Antonio.

Trains are three times more fuel efficient and produce one-third less emissions than trucks without the wear and tear on taxpayer-financed roads and highways, railroad and county officials say.

The rail port also will rely upon a combination of advanced computer systems and technology to coordinate the movement of railcars, trucks, trailers and containers at the facility.

Union Pacific provides rail service to 23 states in the western two-thirds of the country. It also connects with Canada's rail systems and is the only railroad serving all six major gateways to Mexico.

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